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REMARKS

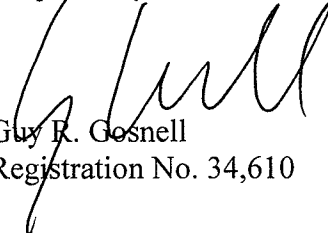
As noted by the Office Communication dated February 28, 2006, the Decision on Appeal affirmed the rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5, 13 and 15 and reversed the rejection as to Claims 4 and 6-12. As such, Claims 1, 3, 5, 13 and 15 have been canceled. Additionally, Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form so as to include the recitations of Claims 1 and 3 from which Claim 4 previously depended. As such, Claims 4 and 6-12 remain in the application and should be in condition for allowance, as the rejections of those claims have been reversed.

As the application was unintentionally allowed to go abandoned prior to filing this Amendment, a Petition to revive the unintentionally abandoned application is filed concurrently herewith. As such, it is respectfully requested that the Petition be considered and granted and that this Amendment then be considered and entered in order to advance the application to allowance.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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